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Krzysztof SKUBISZEWSKI **POLAND**
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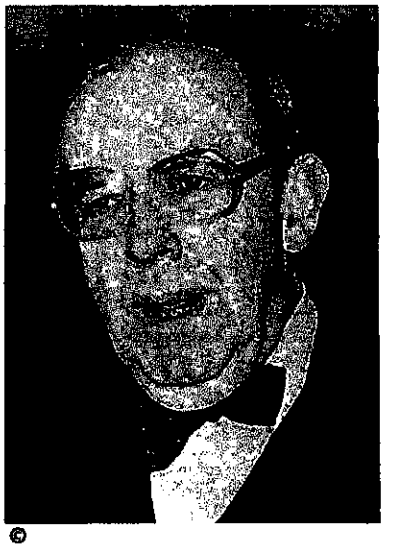
Minister of Foreign Affairs
(since September 1989)

Addressed as: Mr. Minister



A highly respected professor of international law, Krzysztof Skubiszewski has performed well, and Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki has given him broad authority over foreign affairs, In response to widespread criticism that he is not replacing former Communist functionaries quickly enough, Skubiszewski has recently started revamping the Ministry. he has appointed new heads for all departments. Furthermore, President Wojciech Jaruzelski has named several new ambassadors, most of whom Skubiszewski recommended.

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Skubiszewski has declared that Poland's foreign policy should be based firmly on the "fundamentals of external sovereignty and internal independence." He was the architect of a highly successful campaign to include Poland in the German reunification process. His main goal is to have the two-plus-four participants ratify a "legal instrument" that is consistent with German law. To this end, Skubiszewski is working with the German Government on a draft treaty that recognizes the inviolability of its eastern border. a treaty will probably be signed early in 1991.

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Most recently, in response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Foreign Ministry announced that all military deliveries to Iraq would be stopped, and he released a strong statement condemning Iraqi behavior.

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He attended Harvard in the late 1950s on a Ford Foundation grant and was awarded an LL.M. degree. In 1964 he reportedly did research at Columbia on the UN General Assembly.

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Skubiszewski was born on 10 August 1926 in Poznan into a wealthy and educated family. He is a graduate of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan and has been a full professor there. He lectured at the University of Geneva in 1961 and at the University of London in 1963. During 1981-84 he was a member of Cardinal Jozef Glemp's Social Council, delegated by the Episcopate's Secretariat to work on the Polish – West German forum. He has written on international organizations, Polish-German border issues, and military law. Skubiszewski speaks fluent Oxford English.

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